

Registration Form

☐ Yes, my class is interested in forming a Green Team and helping our environment become a cleaner, greener place!

Teacher: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____ Number of Students: _____

Project Interest: _____

☐ Yes, we would like a follow-up visit from the King County Green Team Specialist.

To register:

Phone: Call (206) 583-0655, and ask for the Green Team Specialist.

Email: Email greenteam@triangleassociates.com and let us know you want to form a Green Team. Please include all the information on the registration form.

Fax: Fax to 206-382-0669.

Mail: Mail your registration form to King County Green Teams, c/o Triangle Associates, 811 First Avenue, #255, Seattle, WA 98104.

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For Elementary
School Teachers

Become a King County GreenTeam!



"The students have observed and learned how everything affects the environment. They learned how the environment helps them and how they can help the environment."

– Green Team Teacher






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What is a Green Team?



A **Green Team** is a group of students ready to take action to become environmental stewards at school, at home, or within the community. Green Team activities can focus on waste reduction, improving recycling, and promoting habitat stewardship.

A Green Team:

-  Provides hands-on experience with conservation concepts.
-  Turns learning into action.
-  Lets students see the results of their choices.
-  Benefits both students and the environment.
-  Aligns with essential learnings.

Teachers:

-  Receive advice, support, and materials.
-  Can sign up for classroom presentations.
-  Can receive mini-grant funding.
-  Are recognized for their efforts.

Free workshops, materials, and other resources are available to your school!

How to Become a Green Team

- 1) Think of activities that will help your class save natural resources and promote habitat conservation.
- 2) Brainstorm fun ideas, or choose one or two from the list below.
- 3) Design projects for your class, or if you are feeling ambitious, get your whole grade or even the entire school involved!
- 4) Register your Green Team so that you can receive assistance and news about other Green Teams, and become eligible to receive rewards and recognition.



Green Team Benefits: Free Resources Available to You

Assistance and Advice: If you need help thinking of ideas or planning a project, the King County Green Team Specialist is available to answer your questions or provide more information for a specific project.

Classroom Visits: If you need assistance to get your project started, our specialist is also available to come to your classroom for project workshops, free of charge, Monday-Friday. Green Team project workshops may include starting a worm bin, conducting a litter clean-up, or improving your school recycling program.

Publicity and Recognition: Green Team actions are worth rewarding! Twice a year, King County recognizes and rewards Green Teams that have completed projects. Teams can earn certificates as well as water bottles made from recycled milk jugs. Your team's projects will also be highlighted in the Class Act newsletter.

Cleaner, Healthier Habitats and Environment: Green Team projects are a great way to get your students interested and involved in protecting our natural resources. Schools can truly benefit from the increased awareness of their students as they actively participate in improving or cleaning up their local environment.



"It was a huge success! We reduced our lunch trash from 13 bags per day to 2 bags on Challenge day. The school continues to recycle cans and milk cartons. Our trash volume is significantly lower (less than 3 bags) than before the challenge."

– Third Grade Teacher

"Our school now has half the garbage. We no longer use paper bags for breakfast. Our school is clean and is full of posters and pictures of people respecting the environment."

– First Grade Teacher

Green Team Project Ideas

Here are some ideas to get you started. Classrooms across King County have successfully completed these projects. Think up your own spin on these or other activities that promote caring for our environment.

Build a Scrap Box – Create a REUSE bin for your classroom so you can use paper scraps and one-sided paper again before you recycle them.

Create a Green Team Challenge Board – Use your school bulletin board to display actions that will cut down on garbage, conserve natural resources or save energy.

Plan a Waste-Free Lunch or Snack Day – Encourage your Green Team, along with other students in the same grade level, or the even the whole school to pack lunches and/or snacks with reusable containers and minimal packaging. Try this weekly or monthly and see how much less garbage there is in the lunchroom.

Improve Your School Recycling – Spot-check other classes to make sure they are separating the recycling and garbage properly. Make sure their bins are in a

location that makes them easy to use. Recognize the classes that are doing a great job in the school bulletin.

Clean Up Litter – Organize a litter pick-up on your school grounds for campus beautification and to demonstrate the importance of having a clean urban environment. For a long-term project, schedule your litter pick-up projects on a weekly or monthly basis.

Practice Salmon Smarts – Take action to help the salmon in our streams: conserve water, use fewer resources, and practice safe gardening. Design a poster to educate others about salmon habitats.

Conduct a Grocery Bag Project – Collect paper grocery bags from your local grocer and have students decorate them with environmental messages for Earth Day. Visit www.earthdaybags.org for more information.

Build a Worm Bin for Food Composting – Learn to compost food waste using a worm bin. It's a great way to introduce students to concepts of decomposition, waste reduction and recycling. Worm bins are a fun and interesting way to cut

down on garbage and create a useful NEW product.

Grow a Green Garden – Start a small school garden or adopt an area to restore or maintain. Do some container gardening using either large pots or a variety of reused containers. Learn about water conservation, composting, native plants, or safe ways to control garden pests.

Restore a Native Area – Adopt an area of your school that needs restoration. Pull weeds and invasive plants and replace them with native plants.

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